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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FUGITIVE ANTONIO LANTIGUA EXTRADITED TO
THE U.S.

¶1. On August 23, 2006, U.S. Marshals returned Antonio de Jesus Lantigua Vargas to the United States for trial in the State of New York, where he is the subject of indictment number 3864-2005, filed August 3, 2005. As detailed in the indictment, Lantigua is alleged to have committed Sodomy in the first degree (2 counts), Criminal Sex Acts in the first degree (5 counts), and Sexual Abuse in the first degree (7 counts) against a child who was then nine (9) years of age. Two (2) additional counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child complete the indictment.

¶2. Lantigua was apprehended by officers of the Dominican National Directorate for Drug Control's Fugitive Unit only one week after the August 3rd issuance of a Dominican arrest warrant (based on the U.S. request for extradition). Lantigua made a knowing, voluntary and independent waiver of his right to challenge his extradition before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court and his extradition was properly confirmed by presidential decree.

¶3. Lantigua is the 26th fugitive extradited to the United States during FY-2006 and the 16th extradited during this calendar year.

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